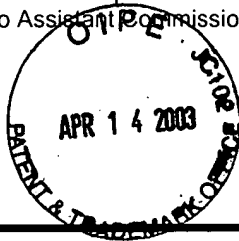


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket Number  
PHB 34,221A (7790/229)

In re Application of:	RICHARD H. JONES, ET AL.	
Application Number:	09/978,114	Filed: OCTOBER 15, 2001
For:	MELODIC ALERTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE	
Group Art Unit:	2681	Examiner: CONTEE, JOY K.

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to a Final Office Action dated November 5, 2002 in the above identified application.

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The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))                                                                                                                        | \$ 110.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))                                                                                                                       | \$ 410.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))                                                                                                                     | \$ 930.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))                                                                                                                      | \$ 1,450.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))                                                                                                                      | \$ 1,970.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$_____ |             |

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | is enclosed.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | has already been filed in this application.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1713</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |

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